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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC WARFARE TRAINING SERVICES FOR NATO

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SUMMARY: THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE TRAINING SERVICES MET AT NATO HQ ON APRIL 22, 1977. THE GROUP AGREED THAT ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) SERVICES FOR NATO EXERCISES SHOULD BE FUNDED ON AN AD HOC BASIS AS AN EXERCISE EXPENSE. THE GROUP COULD NOT COME TO AGREEMENT ON THE FUNDING OF EW SERVICES FOR NATO INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (NATINADS) DUE TO THE UK POSITION (REF B) BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER TREATING UK EW SERVICES TO ITSELF

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AS AN EQUIVALENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE AD HOC GROUP MET ON APRIL 22 TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY A MEANS OF PROVIDING EW SERVICES FOR NATO EXERCISES AND NATINADS TRAINING. THE GROUP QUICKLY AGREED THAT FUNDING FOR EW SERVICES IN EXERCISES SHOULD BE TREATED AS ANOTHER EXERCISE EXPENSE AND PROVIDED BY THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC).

2. DISCUSSION OF EW SERVICES FOR NATINADS TRAINING CENTERED ABOUT THE UK POSITION, I.E., THE UK WILL PROVIDE EW TRAINING SERVICES ONLY FOR THE THREE UK AIR DEFENSE REGIONS AND WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN FUNDING OR EW SERVICES

FOR OTHER AIR DEFENSE REGIONS. THE UK REP EMPHASIZED THAT THIS POSITION IS BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT TRAINING IS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND IS NOT A PROPER OBJECT FOR COMMON FUNDING. SEVERAL OTHER REPRESENTATIVES TOOK EXCEPTION TO THIS STATEMENT CITING EXAMPLES OF COMMON FUNDED TRAINING, E.G., TRAINING FOR THE ACE MOBILE FORCE.

3. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE AD HOC GROUP AGREED TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF TREATING UK SERVICES TO ITSELF AS AN EQUIVALENT MBC CONTRIBUTION, THUS PERMITTING FUNDING WITHIN EXISTING PROCEDURES AND COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED IF THE UK WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH THE COST OF ITS EW TRAINING SERVICES AND THE UK REP AGREED TO DO SO ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A FORMAL COSTING EFFORT WOULD RESULT IN GREATLY INFLATED FIGURES THAT THE AD HOC GROUP WOULD FIND UNACCEPTABLE. THE CANADIAN REP CAUTIONED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN FUNDING FOR TRAINING SERVICES ONLY WITHIN EXISTING COMMON FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS. THE GROUP AGREED TO FURTHER EXPLORE TREATING SERVICES AS A CONTRIBUTION AT ITS NEXT MEETING, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE LATTER PART OF MAY.

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4. COMMENT: WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING UK SELF-SERVICE AS AN EQUIVALENT CONTRIBUTION IF THE VALUES OF THE EW SERVICES AND THE NORMAL UK SHARE OF THE FULL COMMON EFFORT ARE EQUAL. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE NEARLY EQUIVALENT. AT THIS POINT OUR MAIN CONCERN IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A CANADIAN OBJECTION ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS, BUT WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THE GROUP WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THIS WITH COSMETIC CHANGES TO THE UK'S PARTICIPATION...STREATOR

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